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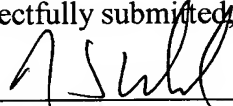
REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 19, 2006.

Applicant hereby confirms the election of Claims 1-8 in response to the previously issued Restriction Requirement. Consonant with that election, Applicant has cancelled Claims 9-12 directed to non-elected invention(s).

By the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-8 on the ground of non-statutory double-patenting as unpatentable over Applicant's prior U.S. Patent No. 6,652,529. Applicant has submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer relative to that patent.

Applicant asserts that Claims 1-8 are in a condition for allowance and respectfully request a notice as to the same. If any matters remain outstanding, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,  
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